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# BUNINYONG RAND CO. PREVIOUSLY THE BUNINYONG ESTATE CO.

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## Location

WEBBS HILL ROAD SCOTCHMANS LEAD, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7622-0252

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 11907

Property Number

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## History

Contextual History:History of Place:

Heritage Inventory History of Site:

Scotchman's, No. 5 or Buninyong Division,

BUNINYONG ESTATE Co. (part of their work in September 1884 is on the Desoza Lode; working on private property - the December 1884 report; the Desoza lode is on the Hiscock's line of reef - September 1885.) -

Quartz reef mining operation.- No. 5 or Buninyong Division,

BUNINYONG OLD Co.

06.1881: horses unable to cope with the water, powerful pumping machinery to be erected; heavy flow of water suggests they are close to the reef; mine is close to the Desoza workings.

06.1882: one of this divisions gold producing mines.  
09.1882: erecting new crushing machinery  
12.1882: to start crushing machinery shortly  
03.1883: new battery ready to start; have struck good stone.  
06.1883: yield of 463 ounces which proves the continuation of rich vein south of the Desoza mine.  
12.1883: sinking to a greater depth; no quartz crushed.  
03.1884: excellent yield from the first crushing; yield of 343 ozs 13 dwt from 170 tons; raising stone of a similar quality; success has induced others to take out mining leases for miles to the south.  
06.1884: quality and quantity of stone is improving with depth, stone from the 470 foot level is yielding 1.5 ozs per ton; reef, with spurs that come in from both east and west, averages 3 feet in width.  
09.1884: crushed from their poorer stone while sinking and driving for the Desoza at a depth of 550 feet; 5 additional stampers erected; patent air compressors operating at 75 pounds per square inch gauge and Naylor's Patent Rock Borer at work, for a cost of 1000 pounds; Mr. Milliken is the engineer.  
12.1884: one of only 2 dividend paying companies in the division for the quarter; dividend reduced by the 10% royalty paid to the owners of the property.  
03.1885: crushed with 6 stamps less than usual because of a water shortage; sinking to a deeper level.  
06.1885: engaged in progressive and prospecting operations.  
09.1885: a rich vein of gold has been found at a depth of 650 feet; it lies of slate, is free from quartz and is spread in a continuous layer.  
12.1885: reef broken up at the 650 foot level; tenders called to sink another 100 feet.  
03.1886: yield decreased while engaged in sinking in their shaft 100 feet to 750 feet.  
06.1886: opened out at 780 feet; a leader encountered before opening out gave an average yield of 4 dwt 18 gr per ton.  
12.1887: ceased operations in their deep shaft and are prospecting.  
03.1888: prospecting.  
03.1889: good payable stone has been struck near their southern boundary; it resembles the famous Desoza stone; only 200 tons could be crushed because of the shortage of water for a yield of 0.5 ozs per ton; 600 tons are raised waiting for water.  
06.1889: were able to pay a dividend; have good stone and alluvial drift at the 80 foot level; the shaft from which they are working is half a mile from their battery and the cost of treatment is high.  
09.1889: paid a dividend of £1000.  
01.1883 to 09.1891: recorded production of 11,133 ozs 13 dwt from 128,111 tons (or 346.306 kg from 130,165 tonnes).

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1935 to 06.1938: recorded production of 4400 ozs 2 dwt (or 136.861 kg).

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